MEMO

Policy Memo: I-4-2010

TO: All Local Agency WIC Directors

FROM: Marge Blankenship, WIC Clinic Services Coordinator

DATE: July 22, 2010

SUBJECT: New Non-Discrimination Statement

USDA has provided us with a new nondiscrimination statement for use by WIC. This statement must be placed on all materials that discuss program benefits or eligibility. As always nutrition education and breastfeeding materials that provide only a nutrition message are not required to use the nondiscrimination statement.

Only the full statement has been changed. The short statement for use on materials too small to allow the full statement remains the same as before.

To save program costs agencies may use up supplies of materials with the old statement they already have printed. Any new or revised materials or materials that are being reprinted must contain the new statement effective immediately. The state will also use up supplies of materials with the old phrase. With this in mind you may receive materials containing the old statement as part of future orders.

The new statement is:

In accordance with federal law and U. S. Department of Agricultural policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to the USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication and Compliance, 1400 Independence Ave S.W., Washington, DC, 20250-9410, or call (866) 632-9992 (voice) or (202) 260-1026 (local). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The Spanish translation of the new phrase is:

De acuerdo con la ley federal y la política del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos, se le prohíbe a esta institución discriminar según la raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad.

Para presentar una queja de inmigración, escriba al Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos a la siguiente dirección: *U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave S.W., Washington, DC,* 20250-9410, o llame al (866) 632-9992 (voz) or (202) 260-1026 (local). El USDA (Departamento de Agricultura) es empleador y proveedor de igual oportunidad.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (308) 865-5616.

xc: State WIC Staff
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